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SUBJ: FONOFF PRESS RELEASE ON DEMONSTRATION AT US EMBASSY

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1. THE FONOFF RELEASED THE FOLLOWING PRESS STATEMENT ON THE DEMONSTRATION AT THE EMBASSY MARCH 14 CONCERNING THE FEUCHT TRAINING AREA (SEE REFTEL). THE STATEMENT POINTS OUT THAT THE DEMONSTRATION WAS, IN EFFECT, MIS-DIRECTED TO THE EMBASSY BECAUSE ANY DECISIONS CONCERNING TRAINING AREAS ARE A MATTER OF FEDERAL GERMAN COMPETENCE.

2. QUOTE: THE DECISION ABOUT THE QUESTION WHERE TRAINING AREAS ARE PUT AT THE DISPOSAL OF US TROOPS STATIONED IN THE FRG IS AN AFFAIR OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE PROPOSAL TO PLACE A TRAINING AREA AT
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FEUCHT AT THE DISPOSAL OF US TROOPS IS NOW UNDER STUDY
AT THE COMPETENT FEDERAL MINISTRIES. THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY THEREFORE IS IN NO WAY INVOLVED. IF THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WERE TO DECIDE ON THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A TRAINING AREA, IT WOULD MERELY BE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF US TROOPS. IN VIEW OF THESE
FACTS, IT APPEARS TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT A
PROTEST AT AMERICAN EMBASSY IS MISGUIDED. THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT ALSO MADE KNOWN THIS POINT OF VIEW TO THE
ORGANIZERS OF THE DEMONSTRATION. UNQUOTE
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